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Ass't Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231 **ATT: BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Re: U.S. Application of Baltes GASS for "PROCESSING DEVICE AND PROCESSING TOOL FOR PROCESSING A WORKPIECE"
Our Ref: Q-63642

Sir:

Attached hereto is the German language application identified above including 43 sheets of the specification including the claims, 1 sheet containing the Abstract, 6 sheets of formal drawings and claim to priority.

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 of International Application PCT/EP99/06960, filed on September 21, 1999, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

Priority is claimed for this application from German application No. 198 43 162.7 filed September 21, 1998. The English translation, priority document, executed Declaration and Assignment will all be submitted in due course.

The government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	24 -	20 = 04	x $18(09) =	72.00
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Base Fee ($710.00/$355.00)				710.00
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TOTAL FILING FEE				**912.00**

A check for the initial filing fee of the application and foreign language filing fee in the total amount of **$840.** is attached. A second

check is attached for the excess claim fee of **$72.00**. The Patent Office is also authorized to charge and required fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, other than the Issue Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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